**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

**Law Department – Law Officers – Contempt Cases** –Payment of remuneration to Government Pleaders in contempt cases – Clarification – Orders – Issued.

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**LAW (D) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 343** **Dated: 03-09-2025.**

**Read the following:-**

1. Memo No.6003/L.I/2005, Law Dept., dated. 08.08.2005.
2. Memo No.5582/144/L3/2009, Law Dept., dated. 01.09.2009.
3. G.O.Rt.No.41, Law Dept., dated. 11.01.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.279, Law (G) Dept., dated. 30.09.2021.
5. G.O.Rt.No.288, Law (G) Dept., dated. 31.08.2023.

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**ORDER:-**

Government has observed that some Departments are forwarding claims for remuneration to Government Pleaders in contempt cases at the rate of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per contemner/ respondent, on the ground that separate vakalats were filed. This has resulted to inconsistencies and duplication in the scrutiny and settlement of claims.

**2.** After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby reiterates the earlier instructions issued in the references read above. It is hereby further clarified that the remuneration to Government Pleaders in contempt cases shall be paid only per contempt case in respect of the potential contemner and not per each contemner/respondent. To ensure uniformity and to avoid duplication of payments, remuneration shall be settled strictly case-wise, irrespective of the number of contemners/ respondents or vakalats filed.

Provided that, where a new Government Pleader is required to defend a newly impleaded Secretary/Principal Secretary/Special Chief Secretary or any other officer at a later stage, additional fees may be paid to the new Government Pleader, even if fees have already been claimed by the previous Government Pleader.

**3.** For proper scrutiny of claims, all Departments shall furnish a case-wise certification in the following format, clearly indicating whether the concerned Department is a potential contemner or only a respondent in each contempt case:

***Certification Format***

*This is to certify that the ---------- Department is a potential contemner in the following contempt cases:*

| ***Sl. No.*** | ***Contempt Case No./ Year*** | ***Vakalat Filed on Behalf of*** | ***Date of filing*** | ***Remarks,*** ***(if the Secretary /G.P changed the same may be mentioned here or if any.*** |
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*It is further certified that the above contempt cases have not been drawn or paid earlier.*

*Signature*
*(Not below the rank of a Middle-Level Officer)*

**4.** The criteria for identifying the potential contemner is as follows:-

**Finance matters:** If the bill has been generated by the Administrative Department but is pending in the Finance Department when the contempt case arises, the Finance Department will be the potential contemner.

**Service matters:** The concerned Administrative Department will be the potential contemner.

**Other matters:** The concerned Administrative Department will be the potential contemner.

**5.** All Administrative Departments are hereby directed to follow the above said instructions scrupulously while forwarding remuneration claims in contempt cases.

**6.** This Order issued with concurrence of the Finance Department in e.file No. **2944903,** dated 25.08.2025).

**7.** The order is available online and can be accessed at https://goir.ap.gov.in

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**K.VIJAYANAND**
**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To**

1. The Learned Advocate General of the State of Andhra Pradesh, High Court Buildings, Nelapadu, Amaravati .
2. The Administrator, G.P's Office, High Court Buildings, Nelapadu. (With a request to disseminate the same to all the Government Pleaders in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh).
3. The Registrar General, High court of AP, Nelapadu.
4. All Secretariat Departments (With a request to disseminate the same to the HoDs under their administrative control).
5. The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
6. The Pay and Accounts Officer, AP Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.

**Copy to:**

1. The P.S to the Chief Secretary to Government.
2. The P.S to the Prl.Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3. The P.S to Secretary to Government, Law Department.
4. S/f and S/c – 1.

**// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //**

**SECTION OFFICER**